

Informal Payments for Healthcare – The Phenomenon and its Context

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This paper reviews current research and literature on the issue of informal payments for healthcare. It goes on to suggest a new perspective to better understand this phenomenon. This perspective, based on political culture and behavior and on wider social processes, is already employed to explain various phenomena from different fields of public policy. Explaining informal payments by analyzing social processes and political culture and behavior has some disadvantages, but it provides us with a wider perspective of the phenomenon and also covers most of its characteristics and configurations.

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